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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Domestic Agricultural In-Season Wage Report

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL or Department) is submitting the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, “Domestic Agricultural In-Season Wage Report,” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for continued use, without change, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation, including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden, may be obtained free of charge from the RegInfo.gov website at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201912-1205-005 (this link will become active only on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064 (these are not toll-free numbers), or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503; by fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick Licari by telephone at 202-693-8073, TTY 202-693-8064 (these are not toll-free numbers), or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the “Domestic Agricultural In-Season Wage Report” information collection. The Department’s ETA needs prevailing wage rates in order to determine the appropriate rate agricultural employers should pay foreign and domestic farmworkers. The State Workforce Agencies are charged with collecting the data from agricultural employers. The wage rates cover agricultural (crop and livestock) and logging jobs. Domestic migrant and local seasonal as well as foreign H-2A farmworkers are hired for these jobs. 20 CFR 653.500, 653.501(c)(2)(i), 655.120 and 655.122.(l) authorize this information collection. *See* 29 U.S.C. 49b(a). 8 U.S.C. §§ 1188; 29 U.S.C 49(f); Section 218.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to

respond to an information collection, unless the OMB under the PRA approves it and displays a currently valid OMB control number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB control number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under OMB control number 1205-0017.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the current approval for this collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2020. DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on November 26, 2019 (84 FR 65189).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB control number 1205-0017. OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Domestic Agricultural In-Season Wage Report.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0017.

Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Governments; Private Sector: Farms.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,776.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 14,326.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 8,963 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

Dated: January 22, 2020.

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